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Submitted herewith are the following:

- (1) Copy of a Japanese Office Action (Notification of Reason for Refusal) dated November 20, 2007 (and English translation thereof) issued in a counterpart Japanese application;
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English language Abstracts are provided for each of the cited Japanese references.

USP 5,353,130 cited on the attached IDS Form is a patent family member of JP 04-233368 which is cited in the Japanese Office Action.

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Each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from foreign patent offices in counterpart foreign applications not more than three months prior to the filing of the present Information Disclosure Statement. Said Communication bears a mailing date of **November 20, 2007**. Therefore, the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement, with fee, is timely under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97(d).

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